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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Yutaka OKAMOTO  
SERIAL NO: NEW APPLICATION  
FILED: Herewith  
FOR: DIGITAL DATA PLAY BACK APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PLAYING BACK DIGITAL DATA

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SIR:  
Applicant(s) wish to disclose the following information.

REFERENCES

- The applicant(s) wish to make of record the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed references are attached, where required, as are either statements of relevancy or any readily available English translations of pertinent portions of any non-English language references.  
 A check is attached in the amount required under 37 CFR §1.17(p).

RELATED CASES

- Attached is a list of applicant's pending application(s) or issued patent(s) which may be related to the present application. A copy of the patent(s), together with a copy of the claims and drawings of the pending application(s) is attached along with PTO 1449.  
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CERTIFICATION

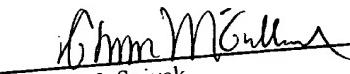
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**STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY**

**Reference AA (4,890,299) on Form PTO-1449:**

This document discloses a system wherein 5 to 7 amplitude values of a PR equalization waveform are converted to 3 values, and a timing is recovered based on the converted amplitude values. This invention is different from the present invention wherein a timing is extracted from the PR equalization waveform without converting the amplitude values.

**Reference AO (2000-195191) on Form PTO-1449:**

This document relates to a timing acquisition method for a PR-class equalization waveform with 2 to 3 amplitude values. This method cannot be applied to a PR-class equalization waveform with 5 to amplitude values.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	AA	4,890,299	12/26/89	Francois B. DOLIVO, et al.			
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